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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. U.S. Patent Application 10/694,267, filed October 27, 2003 is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 09/730,090, filed December 5, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,638,591 which is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/135,196, filed August 17, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,358,577 which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/475,699, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. patent No. 5,804,264.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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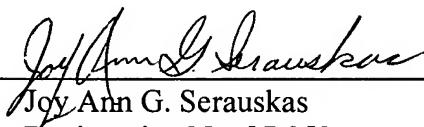
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Copies of all the references cited on the PTO Form 1449 are enclosed as part of this correspondence.

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